REMARKS

This application is being filed concurrently with entry of the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2003/004415 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0223769.1 under 35 USC 119.

The Specification has been amended to include headings for each section of the patent application. The claims have also been amended.

This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 32 and the number of independent claims is 4.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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